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Next week the premium offered to those who would renew their subscriptions on or before December 1, 1899, will be mailed to each one entitled to it. Above 200 subscribers took advantage of this offer, and each one will receive the premium. "In His Steps," according to promise. The book should have been mailed in December, but our people understand perfectly well why it was not done. In fact we do not now have time to do it, but we can not ask our people to wait longer. You should get your copy week after next. If you do not, please write us and inform us of the fact. It is possible that with the extra amount of work on our hands one or more names were not placed on the record book. Should such be the case you will kindly inform us, and the matter will be promptly attended to. Please remember that the book will be mailed between the dates January 29 and February 4. It should reach you a week later.

The Annual

We still have a number of copies left and shall be glad to supply our customers. The book gives good satisfaction and should be in the homes of all our people. Send for a copy or a dozen copies. Price 10 cents each, per dozen \$1.00. Twenty-five copies will be mailed for \$2.00.

Literary Notes

An appreciative and well illustrated article on "Dwight L. Moody, the Evangelist," opens the February number of *The Missionary Review of the World*. Dr. Pierson writes from the standpoint of a life-long friend who seeks to point out some lessons from the career of the departed evangelist and some secrets of his power. Following this article comes a brisk and pointed symposium on "Good Results Hoped for from the Ecumenical Conference." Twenty missionary secretaries give briefly their hopes and expectations from the coming great gathering. Robert E. Speer contributes a sketch of a Japanese Christian gentleman, Shosaburo Aoyama, whose character and history well merit notice. There is also an interesting illustrated article on "Chinese Turkestan and Its Inhabitants," the central table-land of Asia. Other

papers deserving attention are: "The Educational Problem in Japan," by Dr. Irvin H. Correll; "The Greenland Mission and Missionary Comity," by Rev. Paul de Schweinitz; "The great Knife Sect of Shantung," by Mrs. Geo. S. Hays; "The Opium Traffic in China," by John Graham, and "What Christianity Can Do for China," by Dr. Arthur H. Smith.

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Brevities

—A cat in a Stockton, (Cal.) store killed \$200 worth of canaries in one night.

—The postal authorities have decided to utilize the system of wireless telegraphy, which will be tried first in London.

—Wireless messages have been successfully sent between captive balloons one mile high, six miles apart.

—Every boy in Germany, from the Crown Prince to the meanest subject, is obliged to learn some useful trade.

—The Mohammedan students at Cambridge University have formed an association which meets for prayer and the study of the Koran.

—The Pyramids are to be electrically lighted by a 25,000 electrical horse-power plant.

—Electrical power can be profitably transmitted 80 miles and used as steam is used.

—A New York automobile concern has just completed 200 vehicles for New York, Boston and Chicago. They are working day and night on an order for 4,000.

—It has been discovered that the plastering in the walls of a room seriously affect its acoustic properties. The best results are obtained by using pure gypsum.

—The Gersoppa Falls, on the Sharavatti river, in South Kanara, India, are larger and more magnificent than Niagara. The water makes a clear drop of 730 feet.

—The changes that occur in wine are due to living organisms. Wines contain many microbes—some of them dead, but most of them able to sit up and look cheerful.

—A Berlin physician has written an article on the dangers resulting from what are considered insignificant wounds. For instance, in thirteen wounds to the thumb permanent disability followed in 60 per cent.

—The increase in the number of medical women in Great Britain is held by the medical men to be astonishing. In London alone there are now 85 registered and qualified medical women, almost all of whom are in practice.

—Runaway horses are unknown in Russia. No one drives there without having a thin cord with a running noose around the neck of the animal. When an animal bolts the cord is pulled and the horse stops as soon as he feels the pressure on the windpipe.

—At Paris there will be 250 barrels of choice American apples in cold storage, small lots being taken from the supply from time to time as needed to keep up a continuous fresh fruit exhibit. Oranges will be treated in the same manner.

—A German has patented a process for the preservation of eggs, consisting in immersing them in an acid solution of proto-sulphate of iron containing tannin, thus closing up the pores in the shell and preventing the action of air on the contents.

—A Natal man has attracted some attention by his discovery that the dreaded locust can be got rid of by smearing a few of the insects with an infectious preparation and liberating them to communicate their fatal message to the swarm.

—The tallest and largest chimney south of New York is now being constructed for the use of the United States Bureau of Printing and Engraving. When completed it will be 223 feet high.

—The oldest tree on earth with an authenticated history is the great bhoo tree of Burmah. For twenty centuries it has been held sacred by the Buddha, and no person is allowed to touch the trunk. When the leaves fall they are carried away as relics by pilgrims.

Our Cream Pitcher

Davies

The first appearance, even of the Great Deliverer, may seem like that of some great destroyer, but he will at length make himself known as he is, and allay the fears of his people.

Trumbull

It is not so important that man should be pleased with us as that God should; but man's favor is more likely to be won in seeking God's favor than in any other way.

Seeker

The earth is our workhouse, but heaven is our storehouse. This is a place to run in, and that is a place to rest in.

Bucer

No man has a right to teach unless he is thoroughly persuaded of the truth of what he teaches.

Livingstone

Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as part of a great debt owing God? . . . Say rather it is a privilege.

Miller

Consecration is personal devotion to God. By this act we profess to set ourselves apart for God and for God's service.

Quesnel

It is a great matter for a man to learn how to rest himself without being idle, and to make his necessary repose subservient to the glory of God.

Erskine

The Bible tells us of the streams that may allure us to the fountain; it tells of the past acts of God's faithful love that we may be led to set our hope on God, and to feel assured that he who hath helped will help, and that he who hath loved will love unto the end.